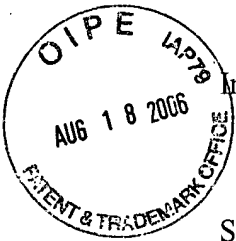


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Michener:

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2006.

Accompanying this communication is a 37 CFR §1.131 Declaration.